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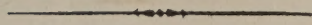
AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Troy,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1869.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Troy, submit the following Report :

*Amount of money expended by the several Highway Surveyors
for the Repairs of Highways.**

District No. 1,	Jacob Boyce,	\$13 00
" 2,	William A. Harris,	29 62
" 3,	William L. Bemis,	27 87
" 4,	Stephen B. Farrar,	28 55
" 5,	Leonard Farrar,	30 60
" 6,	Hamilton Parker,	32 51
" 7,	Edmund Bemis,	42 20
" 8,	Charles W. Brown,	18 08
" 9,	Daniel M. Farrar,	20 25
" 10,	Lorenzo Dexter,	34 37
" 11,	William N. Watson,	9 30
" 12,	Jotham H. Holt,	16 58
" 13,	Levi Merrifield,	25 61
" 14,	Albert Pratt,	16 02
" 15,	Michael Roach,	20 10
" 16,	Lovel P. Butler,	12 50
" 17,	Alva S. Clark,	7 62
" 18,	Luke C. Clark,	12 15
" 19,	Jonas Bemis,	20 40
		<hr/> \$417 33

Amount of money appropriated for Schools in the year 1868.

Assessed for the year 1868,	\$800 00
Literary Fund from the State,	35 28
Railroad money,	10 00
Dog tax for four years,	124 00
Interest on School Fund notes,	24 00
	<hr/> \$993 28

Division of School Money.

District No. 1, Abel W. Baker,	\$340 21	
“ 2, David W. Farrar,	235 46	
“ 3, James R. Stanley,	134 42	
“ 4, Webster Corey,	124 33	
“ 5, Orren H. Peck,	80 45	
“ 6, Alva S. Clark,	76 48	
George Damon, school tax in Fitzwilliam,	1 93	
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	\$993 28	
Due District No. 5 money not expended,	22 45	
	<hr/>	\$970 83

State and County Taxes.

State Tax,	\$1443 75	
County Tax,	701 98	
	<hr/>	\$2145 73

Fire Department.

E. P. Kimball for cash paid for Engine Hose,	\$276 76	
“ “ oil and oiling Engine Hose,	11 80	
A. G. Hurlbutt for services of engine men voted by the town,	106 40	
	<hr/>	\$394 96

Repairs of Highways and Bridges.

Paid Gregory Lawrence, for bridge stringers,	\$29 82	
Edward C. Sutton, for bridge plank,	1 37	
Edmund Bemis, for three days work on bridge,	6 00	
Dan'l M. Farrar, for bridge stringers and timber,	24 00	
Jubal E. Allen, for work on bridge,	2 00	
James R. Stanley, for splitting stone for bridge,	9 00	
Jonas Bemis, for work on bridge,	4 00	
Gregory Lawrence, for bridge plank,	19 12	
Winthrop Knight, for work on bridge,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$96 81

Abatement of Taxes.

Gregory Lawrence, an over assessment,	50	
Sewell Lawrence, poll tax assessed in 1867,	3 58	
Calvin Fletcher, an over assessment,	3 55	
Michael Colman, poll tax, 1868,	2 66	
Robert M. Silsbee, poll tax having paid at Enfield, 1868,	2 66	
William Ward, taxes for the year 1868,	3 48	
Daniel B. Woodward, having paid tax in New York,	5 07	
	<hr/>	\$21 50

Support of Poor for 1867 and 1868.

Paid D. B. Woodward, for doctoring Clara E. Payne,	\$9 60
Lemuel W. Brown, for boarding and nursing	
C. E. Payne,	31 00
Chas. W. Brown, entertaining transient paupers,	2 50
Hamilton Parker, " "	1 00
Leonard Farrar, for rent of Kendall place,	30 00
Hamilton Parker, for car fare to New York for	
C. E. Payne,	11 95
Mrs. S. S. Rice, for boarding Lucy Rice,	15 00
John Whittemore, for flour and goods delivered	
Mrs. S. S. Rice,	33 59
J. Alexander, for boarding Caroline Alexander,	16 07
Edm'd Bemis, paid car fare for Michael Colman's	
family to Salem, Mass.,	11 80
Lemuel W. Brown, clothes for Clara E. Payne,	2 00
" entertain'g transient paupers,	1 75
C. Alexander, for board. Caroline Alexander,	48 64
Whitney & Silsby, for flour and goods delivered	
J. Kendall,	27 40
Whitney & Silsby, for goods delivered Clara E.	
Payne,	2 25
Whitney & Silsbee, for goods delivered Mrs.	
Colman,	7 22
State Reform School, for board. Wm. E. Oakes,	20 71
Lucy J. Oakes, boarding and nursing Appleton	
Oakes,	56 00
Charles W. Brown, for wood delivered W. Ward,	8 50
D. M. Farrar, for wood delivered Mrs. Newell,	1 40
Hamilton Parker, paid car fare for Mrs. Nash	
and two children, to N. Y.	5 35
Hamilton Parker, for wood delivered Mrs. Newell,	2 81
Whitney & Silsby, for flour delivered Mrs. Newell,	3 50
E. P. Kimball, for goods and flour delivered	
Wm. Ward,	27 06
E. P. Kimball, for goods delivered J. Kendall,	9 20
Gregory Lawrence, for wood delivered W. Ward,	2 50
John Clement, for entertaining transient paupers,	10 00
Hamilton Parker, " "	1 50
B. Ripley, for wood delivered Mrs. C. A. Newell,	2 50
" " Wm. Ward,	4 00
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	\$406 80

Town Officers paid for 1867.

Stephen B. Farrar, for services as Selectman,	\$86 50	
Edmund Bemis, " "	63 00	
Charles W. Brown, " "	47 50	
Augustus Hodgkins, " in year '66, and int.,	87 46	
Asa C. Dort, services as Town Clerk,	11 50	
Leonard Farrar, Committee on public instruction,	70 75	
Barrett Ripley, services as Treasurer,	12 00	
Leonard Farrar, Auditor,	2 00	
John Clement, Collector of taxes for 1867,	1 65	
" " " 1868,	38 00	
		<hr/> \$420 36

Breaking Roads in the winter of 1867-8.

Paid Joel Holt for breaking roads,	\$15 23	
Sumner A. Baker, breaking roads,	17 06	
Levi Merrifield, " "	6 72	
Hamilton Parker, " "	10 13	
Edward C. Sutton, " "	7 12	
E. H. Tolman, " "	4 12	
Lovel P. Butler, " "	7 80	
Amasa Fuller, Jr., " "	6 00	
Luke C. Clark, " "	5 49	
Leonard Farrar, " "	3 90	
Abel W. Baker, " "	1 72	
Edwin Buttrick, " "	3 00	
		<hr/> \$88 29

Notes and Interest paid.

Mrs. Lucy Harris, interest on notes,	\$47 75	
Joseph A. Tupper, note and interest,	103 38	
Dexter Forristall, endorsement on note,	56 55	
Edmund Bemis, interest on George Stowell note,	10 30	
" endorsement on Geo. Stowell note,	40 00	
Fanny Forristall, note and interest,	102 13	
Ruth Haskell, interest on note,	12 00	
Miriam Holt, two years interest on note,	37 00	
Polly Amadon, interest on note,	27 00	
" endorsement on note,	50 00	
Ruth Haskell, interest " "	6 00	
J. N. Forristall, " "	27 00	
Calvin Bemis, " "	12 00	
Jotham H. Holt, interest on two notes,	18 00	
Edmund Bemis, interest on three notes,	21 00	
Dexter Forristall, endorsement on note,	28 00	
Elipha S. Kimball, two notes and interest,	711 59	
Frank E. Amadon, note and interest,	67 45	
Robert M. Silsby, " "	127 48	

Hamilton Parker, endorsement on note,	50 00
Savings Bank, interest on note,	24 00
Jesse Hiscock, interest on two notes,	39 75
Edmund Bemis, interest on George Stowell note,	31 80
David Nurse, interest on note,	30 00
“ “ Joseph Tupper note,	6 00
Luke C. Clark, interest on George W. Clark note	30 00
Willard White, interest on note,	24 00
George W. Bailey, interest on note,	30 00
Dexter Forristall, endorsement on note,	36 86
William A. Harris, note and interest,	56 31
Interest on school fund notes signed by Selectmen,	17 75
Joseph N. Forristall, note and interest,	469 35
	<hr/> \$2350 45

Sundries.

Paid Edmund Harris, for stationery and stamps,	7 78
Stephen B. Farrar, services as Sexton,	23 00
“ Express on Town Reports,	25
N. E. Haskell, Town bounty voted him in 1864,	10 00
Alfred Putney, damage done by breaking through bridge,	5 00
Edmund Bemis, for cash paid for affidavits on County paupers,	88
Edmund Bemis, car fare and expenses at Keene,	3 80
George W. Brown, for water in Highway,	3 00
Abel W. Baker, “ “	3 00
Stephen B. Farrar, “ “	3 00
Charles E. Boyce, for ringing bell,	25 00
Morse & Allen, for printing Town Reports,	14 40
Charles W. Brown, for stamps and stationery,	35
Edmund Bemis, entertaining Selectmen while making taxes,	4 00
	<hr/> \$103 46

Recapitulation.

Highways,	\$417 33
Schooling,	970 83
State and County Taxes,	2145 73
Fire Department,	394 96
Highways and Bridges,	96 81
Abatement of Taxes,	21 50
Support of Poor,	406 80
Town Officers' Bills,	420 36
Breaking Roads,	88 29
Notes and Interest paid,	2350 45
Sundries,	103 46
	<hr/> \$7416 52

Barrett Ripley, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Troy.

1868.	Dr.
Feb. 28, To Cash in the Treasury,	\$388 74
Taxes in hands of John U. Beers, Collector for 1863,	7 38
Taxes in hands of John U. Beers, Collector for 1864,	88 26
Taxes in hands of John Clement, Collector for 1867,	83 36
Cash borrowed of Calvin Bemis,	150 00
“ received of Joseph Kendall,	19 13
“ borrowed of Nancy B. Wheeler,	100 00
“ “ Sybil Foster,	100 00
“ “ Jotham H. Holt,	100 00
State, County, Town, School and Highway Taxes assessed,	5128 02
Dog tax assessed for the year 1868,	32 00
Borrowed of the Town school fund money,	59 75
Interest on L. Wright school fund note,	8 42
Rec'd of the County for support of paupers,	55 35
Borrowed of Charles W. Brown,	100 00
“ Mrs. Sarah Haskell,	100 00
“ Hamilton Parker,	150 00
Rec'd of the County for sup. of paupers,	135 98
Borrowed of Gilbert C. Bemis,	200 00
Rec'd of the State Savings Bank tax,	274 15
“ “ Railroad dividend tax,	381 23
“ “ Literary Fund,	35 28
Rec'd of Cheshire R. R. Corporation in payment for engine hose,	100 00
Rec'd of Charles Cooledge, interest on school fund notes,	6 25
Rec'd of the town of Troy,	17 75
“ E. P. Kimball, for use Hay scales,	10 57
	<hr/> \$7831 62

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By paym't of 147 orders of Selectmen,	\$7416 52
Outstanding taxes in the hands of John U. Beers, Collector for 1863,	7 38
Outstanding taxes in the hands of John U. Beers, Collector for 1864,	88 26
Outstanding taxes in the hands of John Clement, Collector for 1868,	199 51
Cash in the Treasury, Feb. 26th, 1869,	119 95
	<hr/> \$7831 62

Assets of the Town, March 1st, 1869.

Cash in the Treasury,	\$119 95
Taxes in the hands of J. U. Beers, Coll. for 1863,	7 38
“ “ “ 1864,	88 26
“ John Clement, “ 1868,	199 51
Due from the County,	17 14
“ U. S. Government,	1482 00
Furniture used by Mrs. Putney,	21 17
Value of Hay Scales,	225 00
Town Meadow,	10 00
Due from John U. Beers, error in settlement 1864,	25 00
“ B. Ripley, Highway tax assessed in 1867,	53 17
“ Monadnock N. Bank, tax on Bank stock,	38 50
Bridge plank at David W. Farrar's mill yard,	19 12
	<hr/> \$2306 20

Liabilities of the Town.

Augustus Hodgkins, note and interest,	\$117 33
“ “	117 12
Jotham H. Holt,	104 93
Polly Amadon,	367 37
Jotham H. Holt,	207 25
Ruth Haskell,	103 95
Miriam Holt,	314 45
Sarah Haskell,	277 40
Lee Rosebrook,	259 70
Augustus Hodgkins,	129 65
Edmund Bemis,	103 34
E. P. Kimball,	163 50
Augustus Hodgkins,	86 58
George G. Bailey,	505 00
Leafy Brown,	54 50
Willard White,	403 76
Susan Lowe,	250 29
Edmund Bemis,	103 00
Calvin Bemis,	210 87
George W. Clark,	104 70
David Nurse,	506 16
Jesse Hiscock,	457 78
Elbridge Cooledge,	321 46
Lucy Harris,	210 50
Sidney B. Bowen,	117 60
George Stowell,	533 89
Ruth Haskell,	214 00
Samuel M. Thompson,	376 04
George Stowell,	133 04
Mary Whittemore,	1458 35
School fund notes signed by Selectmen,	298 70

Edmund Bemis,	157 40	
Jesse Hiscock, note and interest,	207 00	
Savings Bank, “	832 00	
Robert M. Silsby, “	219 40	
Joseph A. Tupper,	102 50	
Dexter Forristall, guardian,	6 34	
“ note and interest,	231 43	
Calvin Bemis, “	158 55	
Nancy B. Wheeler, “	105 46	
Sybil Foster, “	105 27	
Jotham H. Holt, “	105 00	
Charles W. Brown, “	104 70	
Mrs. Sarah Haskell,	104 56	
Hamilton Parker,	105 81	
Gilbert C. Bemis,	203 50	
Due Leonard Farrar,	25 00	
“ Wheeler & Faulkner, for counsel,	5 00	
“ D. W. Farrar, for bridge stringers,	2 00	
“ J. U. Beers, claims for serv. as Selectman '66,	17 00	
“ Town Officers, bills for 1868 by estimation,	250 00	
“ Breaking roads in the winter of 1868-9,	75 00	
Calvin Alexander, for board. Caroline Alexander,	12 50	
Charles E. Boyce, for ringing bell,	5 00	
Due District No. 5 money not expended,	22 45	
Liabilities,	—————	\$11,775 08
Assets subtracted,		2,306 20
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Indebtedness March 1st, 1869,		\$9468 88

Amount of School Fund notes.

Charles Cooledge note,	\$104 25	
Notes signed by the Selectmen,	295 75	
	—————	\$400 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND BEMIS,	} <i>Selectmen</i> of <i>Troy.</i>
CHARLES W. BROWN,	
HAMILTON PARKER,	

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the Report of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast.

LEONARD FARRAR,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
EDWIN BUTTRICK,	

TROY, March 1st, 1869.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In presenting the report of the schools, for the year now ending, your committee would suggest certain things, which appear necessary in order for our schools to rise above their present condition, in which, although there is much to praise, still there are many defects.

All will acknowledge that a system of education which is not practical, does not meet the wants of society. But the branches taught in our schools are certainly the useful ones ; therefore the defect is not there, if our scholars are not qualified to enter practical life on leaving the school-room. If we would have our schools, in this respect, what they should be, our teachers must have a thorough practical education, and in their efforts in teaching, must constantly keep in view the real object of common-school instruction, namely, to qualify their pupils for an intelligent discharge of the duties of life.

But for teachers to accomplish this object, they must have a good set of practical text books.

That all our books now used in our schools are such, no person well qualified to judge, will say. Take for example, our reading books. They generally comprise a series of five books, containing a great amount of reading matter with rules for reading scattered through the whole.

Such being the character of the books, the result is, but few good readers are found in our schools ; whereas, if all the rules for reading were comprised in one or two comparatively small books, with a little well selected reading matter under each rule for the purpose of drill, the result would be that our scholars would be better educated in this important branch of study, at a very much less expense to the parent, which is surely an important consideration.

Then, if we look at English Grammar, as now taught, we find greater defects than in reading. If we find but few good readers in our schools, there are a less number well versed in English Grammar. And this science, as now taught, amounts to but very little in giving our scholars a correct knowledge of the true principles according to which the English language is constructed. The teachers are not so much in fault as our Grammars. There is but little good philosophy in them, and this is the reason why scholars generally are not fond of this study. The Grammars are full of contradictions, and therefore the minds of scholars revolt at such text books, as well they may. Then, too, there is a great amount of unnecessary matter in them, which only burdens the mind without conferring any adequate benefit.

The above remarks, in some respects, will apply to most of our Geographies. There is a lack in them of good arrangement and sound philosophy. In fact they are generally made up of statements with very little or no connection. There is in them, therefore, but little to elicit thought, or develop the reasoning powers.

But some of our authors have seen these faults, and have now furnished better books upon this science. Your committee has availed himself of this advantage, and introduced Guyot's Common School Geography, and so far as it has been adopted, it has awakened a new interest both in the teachers and scholars.

But the best teachers and text books cannot do all that is needed for our schools. Parents and guardians must acquaint themselves with the real wants of the schools, and cheerfully and energetically supply them, and all these evils of which we complain, will be removed because they possess all the power to mould them as they please, for our schools are now just what

they say they shall be. If, therefore, they are right upon this subject, then the schools will be what they should be ; if wrong, then the schools will be.

If, therefore, all the power rests in the parents and guardians to mould the schools, through their committees and teachers, they should be wholly alive to this fact and exercise it in an intelligent manner, so that the object of Common Schools may be accomplished.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

MR. A. W. BAKER, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term of nine weeks, was taught by MISS NETTIE A. BLANDING. Although the school was large, there being fifty-two different scholars, and the number of studies ranging from the Primer to History, and the classes many, yet immediately on entering upon her duties she reduced the school to good order, and so arranged the classes as to give a pretty thorough drill in all the studies, and materially advance the school. The progress was very good.

The Fall term of nine weeks was taught by the same teacher. The whole number of scholars only being twenty-seven, ranging from four to eight years of age, she had more opportunity for thoroughly drilling each class, the effect of which was very visible at the close of the term, in the apparently rapid progress which the school had made, which is the best encomium a teacher can receive.

The Winter term of eleven weeks, was under the tuition of MR. DAVID W. NICHOLS of Keene, a good disciplinarian and thorough teacher, which the school evinced not only during the whole term, but most fully at the closing examination.

The year, therefore, in this school, has been a very successful one.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

MR. D. W. FARRAR, Prudential Committee.

This District has had twenty-nine weeks schooling, namely, nine in the summer, eleven in the fall, and nine in the winter,

under one person, MISS EMMA E. BROWN of Keene, a well qualified and indefatigable teacher.

Most of the scholars in this school are well disposed and studious, and under her faithful instruction have made excellent progress in their studies, but I am sorry to say there are a very few who, unless they change their course immediately, should be expelled for the benefit of the school.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

MR. JAMES R. STANLEY, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term of this school, of eight weeks, was taught by MISS HATTIE A. HOWARD, a diligent teacher.

The order was fair and the progress commendable, but there was not all that thoroughness in teaching that is necessary to ensure the greatest progress.

The winter term of fourteen weeks, was under the tuition of the same instructress. The order was not as good as in the summer, and the progress, although the term was six weeks longer than the summer, was not as good as might have been expected.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

MR. WEBSTER CORREY, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term of seven weeks, and the Winter term of fourteen weeks, was taught by MISS MARY A. TOLMAN, a good, faithful teacher. And under her mild government and persevering efforts, both terms were a success.

The order was good, and the advancement very fair. And it is due also to say, that there is a commendable interest manifested by parents in this district.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

MR. ORREN PECK, Prudential Committee.

This school consisted of two terms, one of eight weeks and the other of ten, taught by MISS MATTIE A. F. STARKEY of Swanzev. Although quite young, she possesses the elements of a good teacher, and with more knowledge and experience, can take high rank as an instructress. Under her instruction, there was very good progress made by the few scholars composing this school.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

MR. A. S. CLARK, Prudential Committee.

In this District there was only one term of eleven weeks, in the fall, taught by MISS S. LOUISA RICHARDSON of Corinth, an experienced, excellent teacher.

She soon succeeded in infusing an enthusiasm into all the scholars, which secured close application to study, and the result was excellent progress in all the branches pursued.

Having had great experience in teaching, she knew just how to stimulate thought in her scholars, which was very evident at the closing examination.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There have been two terms of ten weeks each, one in the spring, and the other in the fall, taught by MRS. LOUISA B. WRIGHT of Swanzey.

Suffice it to say, that under her judicious management and thorough instruction, the scholars made very good progress in all the branches taught.

This school was supported wholly by the tuition of the scholars, at an expense of two hundred and forty-seven dollars. This effort does great credit to the town, and it is desirable that it should continue, and that all the youth should avail themselves of its advantages.

J. S. HERRICK,

Sup. School Committee.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER AND FALL SCHOOLS, FOR 1868.

	Sum.	Fall.	Sum.	Fall.	Sum.	Sum.	Sum.	Sum.
No. of Districts,	1	1	2	2	3	4	5	6
Whole No. of pupils,	52	27	32	33	17	24	5	11
Average Attendance,	42	24	26	28	15	21	4	10
Males,	28	18	15	16	5	14	2	3
Females,	24	9	17	17	12	10	3	8
Length of Sch's in w'ks,	9	9	9	11	8	7	8	11
Wages of teach's in mos.	\$28	\$24	\$28	\$28	\$20	\$22	\$17	\$20
Absence of pupils in d's,	436 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	246	221	63	76	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. pupils not abs't $\frac{1}{2}$ d'y	4	3	3	5	4	1	1	2
Tardiness,	6	10	6	18	4	0	0	0
No. not tardy,	47	19	23	22	15	0	0	11
No. of dismissals,	40	19	5	0	0	0	0	2
No. of visits by citizens,	25	23	29	24	18	11	7	9
No. by Sup. Sch. Com.	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
No. by Prud. Com.	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS FOR 1869.

No. of Districts,	1	2	3	4	5
Whole No. of pupils,	31	28	18	25	2
Average attendance,	28 $\frac{5}{11}$	22 $\frac{4}{9}$	16 $\frac{11}{20}$	19	11 $\frac{9}{20}$
Males,	18	16	6	13	1
Females,	13	12	12	12	1
Length of schools in weeks,	11	9	14	13 $\frac{3}{8}$	10
Wages of teachers per m'th,	\$60 00	\$34 00	\$22 00	\$22 00	\$17 00
Absence of pupils, in days,	140	227 $\frac{7}{9}$	98	402 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tardiness,	4	24	8	0	1
No. of pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ d'y,	5	4	3	2	1
No. not tardy,	28	20	16	0	1
No. of dismissals,	4	0	3	0	0
Am't of money per scholar,	\$5 23	\$6 19	\$6 40	\$4 44	\$16 09
No. of visits by citizens,	23	20	17	19	5
No. by Sup. Sch. Committee,	3	3	3	2	2
No. by Prud. Committee,	0	2	1	1	0

No School in the winter in District No. 6. Amount of money per scholar in the District, \$7 91.